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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a difference in the standard of education imparted in schools and colleges ruin by the Union and State Governments and those run privately;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures taken to overcome this difference; and

(d) the time by which the target of education to all and uniformity in the quality of education is likely to be achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): Education being a concurrent subject,school education primarily comes under the purview of the State Governments.So far as the schools (Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas) under the Ministry of Human Resource Development are concerned, there is no evidence to suggest that standard of education is not at par with that of private schools.On the contrary, pass percentages of schools under Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti(NVS),both at class X & class X11 standard,were consistently above the pass percentages of independent private schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) during the last five years (2003-2007).

So far as higher education is concerned,the public universities/Institutions like IITs, IIMs, NITs,IIITs,AIIMS and Central Universities are still the first choice of students,in spite of increasing number of Private Universities / Institutions. Public institutions not only provide quality education but also cater to the marginalized section of the society by having nominal fee structure and provisions of reservation to the students of targeted groups.

(c) & (d): Improvement of quality of education is a continuous process.

At School level: Central Government has decided to implement a centrally sponsored scheme for universalization of access to and improvement of quality of education at secondary stage, called Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (or SUCCESS), during the 11th Five Year Plan.This Scheme primarily focuses on improving access and quality of Government schools.

At college level: The University Grants Commission (UGC) on its part has notified regulations for maintenance of minimum of standards of Education and also other issues. Guidelines and. instructions are also issued from time to time regarding maintenance and upgradation of standards in higher education. These are uniformly applicable on all institutions including private Universities/Institutions.

During the XI Plan Period, the Central Government has decided to open 16 new Central Universities in the States where presently there is no Central University. The provision has also been made for opening of 14 more Central Universities aiming at achieving world class standards.